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James L. Cox Director of Engineering and **Environmental Affairs** Van Camp Seafood Company, Inc. 4510 Executive Drive, Suite 300 San Diego, CA 92121-3029

Subject:

Administrative Extension of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries

Act (MPRSA) Section 102 Special Ocean Disposal Permit, OD-93-02

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Sincerely,

Alexis Strauss, Director

Water Management Division

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REGION IX

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Norman Wei Corporate Environmental Manager StarKist Foods, Inc. 1054 Ways Street Terminal Island, CA 90731

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Subject:

Administrative Extension of MPRSA Section 102 Ocean Dumping Permit,

#OD 93-01

Dear Mr. Wei:

EPA Region IX is evaluating the information submitted by StarKist Samoa and VCS Samoa Packing as required by the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA) Section 102 special ocean dumping permit. Due to the late submittal by CH2MHILL of the report titled, "Joint Cannery Ocean Dumping Studies in American Samoa", the overall complexity of these evaluations, and the approaching expiration date of MPRSA Section 102 special permit #OD 93-01, EPA Region IX has determined that we will administratively extend MPRSA Section 102 special permit #OD 93-01. The administrative extension is made according to procedures defined in the Administrative Procedures Act (5 U.S.C. § 558). We anticipate that a decision on the new permit will be made within 90 days after expiration (on August 31, 1996) of the existing special permit.

EPA Region IX will inform you as soon as possible about our decision for the final permit, after which we will submit a draft permit for your review. If you have any questions on the administrative extension or your MPRSA Section 102 permit (OD 93-01) requirements, please call me at (415) 744-2125, or you may call Patricia Young at (415) 744-1594.

Sincerely,

Alexis Strauss, Director (acting)

Water Management Division

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StarKist Samoa, Inc.



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February 23, 1996

The Regional Administrator
US Environmental Protection Agency
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

Subject: Application for Ocean Dumping Fermit

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA) of 1972, as amended, StarKist Samoa, Inc., hereby submits its application for an Ocean Dumping permit.

A) Name and address of applicant: StarKist Samoa, Inc.

P.O. Box 368

Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

B) Proposed name of transporter: Blue North Fisheries

1130 NW 45111

Seattle, Washington 98107

- C) Description of material to be dumped: Tuna sludge from the dissolved air flotation unit, cooker juice and press liquor. Extensive data on the characteristics of each waste stream are on file at USEPA Region 1X office.
- D) Quantity of material to be dumped: Two hundred thousand (200,000) U.S. gallons per day.
- E) Proposed dates and times of disposal: Material is generated whenever StarKist Samoa, Inc. is in operation. Daily dumping of up to 200,000 U.S. gallons is required.
- F) **Proposed dumping site:** EPA designated dump site is described as a circular area with a 1.5 nautical mile radius, centered at 14° 24.00′ South latitude by 170° 38.30′ West longitude.
- G) **Proposed method of release:** The proposed method of release and control would be the same as those delineated in the current MPRSA Ocean Dumping Permit #OD 93-01 Special.
- H) Process or activities giving rise to the production of the material: The material is processed during the tuna canning process in American Samoa.

A Subsidiary of Star-Kist Foods, Inc.

P.O. Box 368 Pago Pago, Tutuila Island American Samoa 96799

Telephone: 684 644-4231 Facsimile: 684 644-2440



Application for Ocean Dumping Permit February 23, 1996 Page 2

I) Previous method of disposal: The material has been ocean dumped at the EPA designated dump site since July 31, 1990 under StarKist Samoa Inc.s' existing MPRSA Ocean Dumping Permit #OD 93-01 Special.

- J) Need for the proposed dumping: The need for ocean dumping in American Samoa has been demonstrated in EPA Region IX's Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Designation of an Ocean Disposal Site off Tutuila Island, American Samoa for Fish Processing Wastes, February 24, 1989. Without an ocean dumping permit, the canneries would not be able to operate in American Samoa and the resultant economic impact on the local economy would be severe.
- K) Impact of ocean dumping: The environmental impact of ocean dumping in American Samoa has been demonstrated in EPA Region IX's Final Environmental Impact Statement for Designation of an Ocean Disposal Site off Tutuila Island, American Samoa for Fish Processing Wastes, February 24, 1989. Data have been collected monthly at the dump site on the impact of the ocean dumping operation.

There has been no documented adverse impact of the ocean dumping operation since its inception with the designated site some 5.45 nautical miles from shore. Even in the pre-1988 period when the canneries were ocean dumping under the authority of a USEPA Research Permit at a designated site that was two nautical miles closer to shore, there were no documented evidence of sludge being washed onshore. Such conclusions were reached in USEPA's Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Designation of an Ocean Disposal Site off Tutuila Island, American Samoa for Fish Processing Wastes, February 24, 1989.

The transporter, Blue North Fisheries, has been under contract with StarKist Samoa, Inc. since July 1993 to operate the current Ocean Dumping Permit. It is expected that the contract will be extended and the existing vessel F/V Tasman Sea will continue to be used in the operation under Blue North Fisheries' experienced crew and management.

Enclosed please find a check for \$1,000.00 to cover the processing fees in accordance with 40 CFR 221.5.

If there are any questions concerning this permit application, please contact the undersigned or Norman Wei of our Corporate Office at 310 - 519 - 2807.

Sincerely,

STARKIST SAMOA, INC.

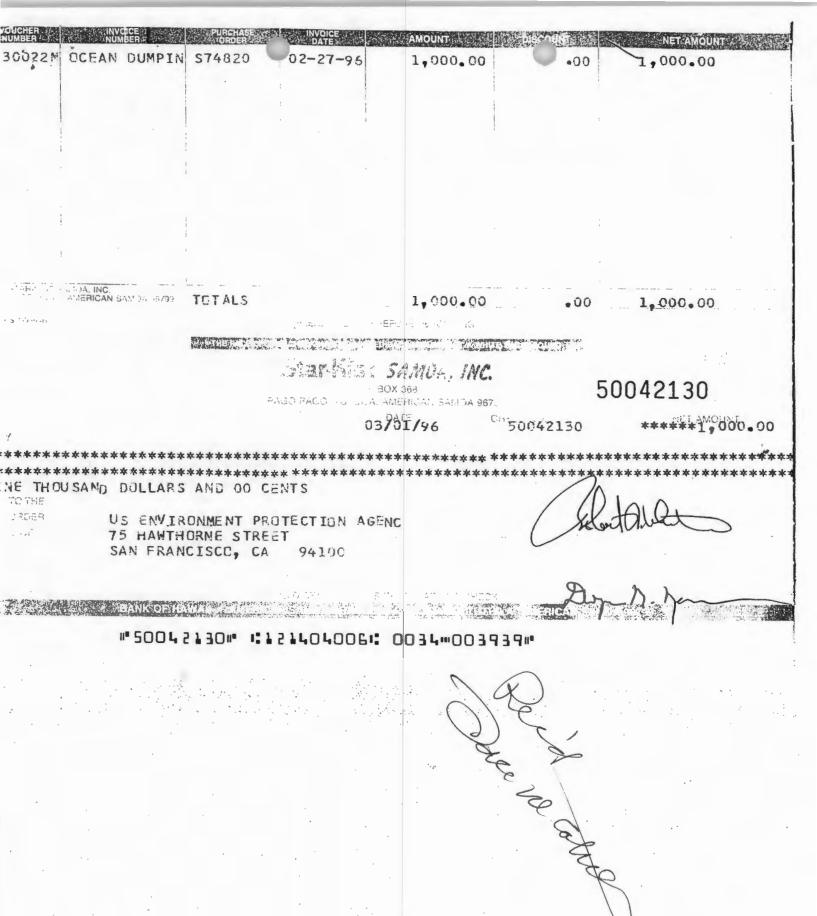
Barry A. Mills

President & General Manager

CC: Clifford Johnson Norman Wei

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THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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To:

Carl Goldstein@EPA

CC

Subject: Applications for fish waste permit

Carl:

Good talking to you the other day; glad you were able to get into a position you were trying for. Back to the main subject--I meant to ask you this, and I can't remember if I did--that is, applications from the fish processing canneries. I noticed, in my attempt to rewrite the Public Notice for these permits, that the previous notice stated that complete applications were received from the canneries. Pat did not mention that they had submitted applications with their proposed discharges. I guess I need to know if applications are forthcoming, and if not, are we then processing this permit differently (i.e., without applications, assuming same type of fish processing, etc.)? You may have to ask Pat or Mike (Lee) about this.

As I mentioned to you the other day, I am waiting for a response from HQ regarding their preferences (if they have any) on how the fish waste data is reported (i.e., separate waste streams vs. our proposed combined waste numbers).

I will continue to work on what I can, and leave these question areas open as blanks until then.

- Allan

Allan

For Army COE contact, do you know whether it should be sent to the Envir. Division (which reviews Elss) or the Operations Branch (which deals w) dredgip permits). If the latter, then send to:

Linda Hihara-Endo Chief, Operations Branch etc.

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Patricia Young

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Allan Ota

cc:

Michael Lee, Janet Hashimoto

Subject: Proposed Ocean Disposal Permit Schedule for Canneries

Hi Allan. Sent the letter to the canneries et. al. re: extension of their existing permits until August 31. 1997. Here's my proposal for getting the permits out by then:

mid-May Costa to send modeling report (I'll ask him to send one directly for Mohammed to review by end of May/mid-June).

June 1

Send draft permits informally for ASEPA to review. Incorporate comments/discuss.

mid-June

Send informal drafts to canneries to review.

July 1

Finalize draft permits. Public notice. (30-day comment period).

Month of August

Finalize permits/address comments if any.

August 31

New permits become effective.

How are you coming with your number crunching? I don't think the modeling report will really impact the permit much so the main items which will change in the permit are the limits; maybe decrease some of the studies. In the disposal operations, we should include that they can utilize an alternate disposal pattern during rough seas. Do you have any response to Jim Cox's question re: whether they can stop monitoring the flow of the individual waste streams and just record the total amount which is going to the boat for discharge? The problem they're having is that the meters keep breaking down and Jim is not sure of the reliaibility of some of the data due to the constant malfunctioning of the meters.

Do you need help in any of this? Let me know. I will be out of the office May 13--27; in Samoa May 16-23. Do you have any requests for me to follow up while I'm there?

Patricia Young

12/03/96 06:52 AM

normwei @ ix.netcom.com(Norman S. Wei) @ IN

Subject: Final Summary Report for Ocean Disposal Permit

Norman:

Please note that Section 5.3 of StarKist's ocean disposal permits requires that a final summary report be submitted to us 60 days after the expiration of the permit. "The report shall summarize all the data collected to characterize fish processing wastes and the results of the dump site monitoring program..."

We are administratively extending the existing permit until April 30 by which date we should have a new permmit issued. A copy of the extension letter will be forthcoming soon.

M. Wei called - Lorgot abt final summary
will due - apologizes for ship up. Will have
Clift Johnson work on it now / whener. It may
set to us som

To:

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cc:

(bcc: Patricia Young)

From:

normwei @ ix.netcom.com (Norman S. Wei) @ IN

Date:

07/02/96 07:52:06 AM

Subject:

Re: Ocean Disposal Data for March 1996 to May 1996

Have asked Cliff to send you the data on disk.

You wrote:

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>Just received the ocean disposal report for the above period but no computer

>disk with data. Appreciate having the data sent on disk (scanned for viruses

>please), in Lotus 1-2-3 format. Thanks. Call me if any questions. >415/744-1594.

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Sent to Allan ota

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June 03, 1996

Ms. Patricia Young OPINAP (E-4) U.S. EPA Region 9 75 Hawthorne St. San Francisco, CA 94105

The enclosed floppy disk contains nine Lotus 1-2-3 Release 4 files. Each file name starts with OD (for ocean dumping) followed by three letters (i.e. MAM) which represents three months March, April, May. The nine files stored in the OCDMP directory are as follows:

- 1) ODDJF93 (this file represents December 1993 / January & February 1994)
- 2) ODMAM94
- 3) ODJJA94
- 4) ODSON94
- 5) ODDJF94 (this file represents December 1994 / January & February 1995)
- 6) ODMAM95
- 7) ODJJA95
- 8) ODSON95
- 9) ODDJF95 (this file represents December 1995 / January & February 1996)

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To:

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From:

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Subject:

Review of the modelling report

Pat:

I spoke with Brian Melzian at the EPA ORD lab in Narragansett regarding who to contact for reviewing the modeling report for the America Samoa permit. He suggested that two memos be written from Norm to the following with respective cc's, requesting review of the modeling report by a certain date (i.e., 2-3 weeks following receipt. He recommended that phone calls before sending memos would be useful. Also include copies of the report to reviewer(s).

Norm Rubenstein, Acting Director Atlantic Ecology Division

cc's to: Brian Melzian, Program Operations

Steve Schimmel, Branch Chief, Ecosystem Analysis & Simulation (EAS) Branch

Edward Dettmann, EAS Mohamed Abdelmman, EAS

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Richard Swartz, Chief Pacific Coast Ecology Branch

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I'll talk to you after I get back from vacation, July 11.

Allan

To:

normwei @ ix.netcom.com(Norman S. Wei) @ IN

cc:

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rom:

Patricia Young

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Subject:

Ocean Disposal Data for March 1996 to May 1996

Just received the ocean disposal report for the above period but no computer disk with data. Appreciate having the data sent on disk (scanned for viruses please), in Lotus 1-2-3 format. Thanks. Call me if any questions. 415/744-1594.

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FROM: Pat Young, American Samoa Program Manager

Office of Pacific Island Programs

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RE: Extension of Ocean Disposal Permits to August 31, 1997

See attached letter extending the ocean disposal permits.

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Mr. Norman Wei Corporate Environmental Manager StarKist Foods, Inc. 1054 Ways Street Terminal Island, CA 90731

Mr. James L. Cox Director of Engineering and Environmental Affairs Van Camp Seafood Company, Inc. 4510 Executive Drive, Suite 300 San Diego, CA 92121-3029

Subject:

Administrative Extension of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA) Section 102 Special Ocean Disposal Permits, OD-93-01 and

OD-93-02

Dear Mr. Wei and Mr. Cox:

Pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act (5 U.S.C. Section 558), we have decided to administratively extend the ocean disposal permits of StarKist Samoa (OD-93-01) and VCS Samoa Packing (OD-93-02) until August 31, 1997. We are continuing to evaluate the information submitted by StarKist Samoa and VCS Samoa Packing as required by the present permits and will reissue these permits by this date. Draft permits will be submitted for your review prior to this time.

Should you have any questions on this administrative extension or your permit requirements, please call Pat Young, American Samoa Program Manager at (415) 744-1594.

Sincerely,

Alexis Strauss, Director Water Management Division

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Subject:

Administrative Extension of MPRSA Section 102 Ocean Dumping Permit,

#OD 93-02

Dear Mr. Cox:

EPA Region IX is evaluating the information submitted by StarKist Samoa and VCS Samoa Packing as required by the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA) Section 102 special ocean dumping permit. Due to the late submittal by CH2MHILL of the report titled, "Joint Cannery Ocean Dumping Studies in American Samoa", the overall complexity of these evaluations, and the approaching expiration date of MPRSA Section 102 special permit #OD 93-02, EPA Region IX has determined that we will administratively extend MPRSA Section 102 special permit #OD 93-02. The administrative extension is made according to procedures defined in the Administrative Procedures Act (5 U.S.C. § 558). We anticipate that a decision on the new permit will be made within 90 days after expiration (on August 31, 1996) of the existing special permit.

EPA Region IX will inform you as soon as possible about our decision for the final permit, after which we will submit a draft permit for your review. If you have any questions on the administrative extension or your MPRSA Section 102 permit (OD 93-02) requirements, please call me at (415) 744-2125, or you may call Patricia Young at (415) 744-1594.

Sincerely,

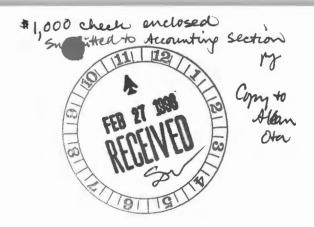
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February 26, 1996

Norm Lovelace, Director
Office of Pacific Island and Native American Programs
US Environmental Protection Agency
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

Dear Norm:

Subject: Application for Ocean Dumping Permit

The existing Ocean Dumping Permit for VCS Samoa Packing Company, Inc. (OD 93-02) expires 31 August 1996. This letter serves as an application for an ocean dumping permit to continue existing operations based on Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA) of 1972, as amended. The following required information is submitted for this purpose:

(A) Name and Address of Applicant

VCS Samoa Packing Company, Inc. P. O. Box 957 Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

The applicant is the generator of the waste at its facility on Pago Pago Harbor, Tutuila Island, American Samoa.

(B) Name and Address of Transporter

Blue North Fisheries 1130 NW 45th Seattle, Washington 98107

The proposed transporter is the same as currently transporting the waste generated by VCS Samoa Packing Company, Inc. since July 1993. This contractor, operating the FV Tasman Sea, is expected to continue operations in the same fashion, and using the same vessel, as under the existing permit.

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(C) Description of Material to be Dumped

Material to be dumped is from selected tuna processing waste streams as follows: sludge from the existing dissolved air flotation (DAF) unit, precooker juice, and press water. Data characterizing each of these waste streams has been submitted to USEPA Region 9 and is on file. Data characterizing the combined waste streams has been submitted to USEPA and is on file.

(D) Quantity of Material to be Dumped

The quantity of material to be dumped remains the same as under the existing permit, which is 200,000 gallons per day (gpd) distributed among the three waste streams as follows: DAF sludge at 60,000 gpd, precooker water at 100,000 gpd, and press water at 40,000 gpd.

(E) Dates and Times of Disposal

Material is generated whenever the cannery is in operation. Therefore, dumping on a daily basis, every day of the year, is required. Dumping will be done during daylight hours (unless an emergency exists in which case authorization from local Coast Guard or ASEPA would be requested).

(F) Proposed Dump Site

Dumping will be done at the existing USEPA designated dump site which is described as follows: a circular area with a radius of 1.5 nautical miles centered at Latitude 14° 24.00' South and Longitude 170° 38.30' West.

(G) Proposed Method of Release

The material would be released in the same fashion as described in Special Condition 4.4 of the existing MPRSA permit (OD 93-02) Special).

(H) Process Leading to the Production of Waste Material

The material is produced during the processing of tuna (precooker water), fishmeal plant processing (press water), and the treatment of other tuna processing waste streams not being disposed of by ocean dumping (DAF sludge) at the VCS Samoa Packing cannery in American Samoa. A flow diagram showing the origins of the three waste streams to be dumped has been submitted to USEPA and ASEPA with previous Ocean Dumping Permit applications and in the existing NPDES permit application.

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(I) Previous Method of Disposal

The material has been disposed of by ocean dumping at USEPA designated dump sites since 31 July 1990 under previous (OD 90-02 Special) and existing (OD 93-02) permits.

(J) Need for Dumping

The need for ocean dumping in American Samoa was documented in *The Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Designation of an Ocean Disposal Site off Tutuila Island, American Samoa for Fish Processing Wastes*" (USEPA Region 9, 24 February 1989). The EIS investigated alternative means of disposal (Chapter II), and ocean dumping was determined to be the best approach to maintain cannery operation and concomitant economic benefits to American Samoa, and concurrently protect water quality in Pago Pago Harbor. Without an ocean dumping permit the tuna canneries would not be able to operate in American Samoa.

(K) Environmental Impact of Ocean Dumping

Environmental impacts were described in the EIS (Chapter IV) referenced in (1) above. All of the potential impacts were classified as: insignificant adverse impact, no impact, or beneficial impact. Data have been collected on a monthly basis at the dump site and are on file with USEPA. There has been no documented adverse impact at the site, which is approximately 5.5 nautical miles offshore of Tutuila Island, since the designation of the ocean dump site by USEPA. Analysis of impacts on a previous dump site (two miles closer to shore, and used before 1988 under a research permit) in the EIS indicated no transport of material to the shoreline. Under the existing permit toxicity to marine organisms (using bioassay tests) and the predicted dilution of the wastefield (using appropriate modeling techniques) were investigated. Summaries of these data, previously submitted to USEPA, indicate that the rapid dilution achieved with the normal dumping procedures results in limited and insignificant impacts to marine life.

If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact me at 619-597-4212.

Sincerely,

James L. Cox

Director of Engineering and Environmental Affairs

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